

# To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Gentry, Citizens, and others Your Majesties Loyall Subjects of the County and Citie of York.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

**W**H Your Majesties faithfull Subjects and Petitioners, do in all humility acknowledge Your Majesties abundant Grace in calling this present Parliament, to consult with, and advise Your Majesty touching the redresse of the oppressions, and other grievances of Your Subjects, both in the Church, and Civill State of this Your Kingdom of *England*: And we do with like humble thankfulness, acknowledge Your Majesties forwardnesse and Fatherly care to relieve them, declared by sundry most just and excellent Laws already enacted, for the re-estating of Your Subjects in their antient Rights and Priviledges, and for taking away part of those Pressures that lay upon them. And amongst the rest, We have more particular cause to be thank full for Your Majesties Gracious care, in part securing this County, by putting a Garrison into *Hull*, commanded by such Persons, in whom we have just cause to confide: Which Princely proceedings of Your Majesty hath infused a strong confidence into Your Petitioners, That Your Majesty inclined to ease your Subjects in all whatsoever grievances: Whereof they have complained to Your Majesty in Parliament, as well touching Reformation of Church Government, and Ceremonies in Religion, as touching the Civill Government, and Administration of Justice: Yet so it is most Gracious Sovereign, That now of late the Rights, and Liberties of Parliament, being the Representative body of the whole Kingdom, And the Rights and Liberties of every Subject involved therein, have been in a most dangerous and unusuall manner invaded and violated: Whereof we, with the rest of Your Majesties Loyall Subjects (to our unspeakable grief) are most sensible: And to enlarge the cause of our sorrows, We do now understand that Your Majesty hath withdrawn Your Royall Presence, from Your Great Councell, who wanting the comfort of it, are not able to proceed with such effect, as is requisite in those great Affairs of Church and State, that are daily presented to them: Which Characters of displeasure, we humbly presume, have been engraven in Your Majesties most gracious disposition, by the subtile work and Councell of those disaffected persons, who study nothing more, then to beget differences and jealousies between Your Majesty, and Your more Loyall Subjects of the reformed Religion, with intention to hinder and disturb the perfect Reformation in matters of Religion, and sending over Succours to Your distressed Protestant Subjects in *Ireland*, where the Papists do most inhumanely destroy all that will not renounce the reformed Religion, and embrace Popery.

**Y**Our Majesties Petitioners therefore most humbly pray, That Your Majesty will be pleased henceforward to shut Your Sacred Ears against such malignant Councells, And in all affairs to repose Your confidence wholly upon the Wisedome and fidelity of Your Great Councell now assembled in Parliament, and by their advice to settle and dispose such places of trust, as may conduce to the safety of Your Majesties Dominions: not doubting but their care will equally tender Your Majesties Honour with the publike Interests and welfare of Your Kingdomes. And that those Members of Parliament lately accused of Treason may have a fair and speedy tryall, according to the Priviledge of the House, that so they may either receive condigne punishment, if they have offended, or being acquite, may cheerfully attend those weighty affairs, appertaining to their charge. And lastly, That Your Majesty will not hereafter suffer to be enterprised any thing tending to the Violation or breach of Priviledges of Parliament.

*And Your Petitioners shall pray for Your Majesties long and prosperous Reign, &c.*

This is the perfect Copy which was presented to His Majesty this instant February.

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